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FACT SHEET, July 2005

DTSC asks for comments on Edwards AFB Draft Permit

Why did I receive this fact sheet?

From July 19, 2005, to September 1, 2005, you may send public comments on the Department of Toxic Substances Control (or DTSC) Draft Permit Renewal. If approved, this permit would allow Edwards Air Force Base (or Edwards) to continue storing hazardous waste generated from base-wide operations. Edwards has located the storage facility at Building 4916, 446 North Rosamond Boulevard, Edwards. Edwards is near Rosamond in the Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles.

What does Edwards store at Building 4916?

Building 4916 serves as a central storage point for the collection of hazardous waste from all Edwards' operations. Wastes include acids, cleaning solutions, batteries, plastics and resins. The enclosed storage area includes about 400 square feet for hazardous waste. The staging area contains an additional 3,150 square feet of hazardous waste storage. The Draft Permit would allow Edwards to store a maximum of 736 approved storage containers.

What the Permit would do?

If approved, the Draft Permit would continue the current Edwards practice of placing all containers on wooden pallets stored on a concrete floor surrounded by six inch secondary containment concrete walls. DTSC has overseen Edwards' placement of sumps beneath Building 4916 in order to catch any possible spills that might escape the building's secondary containment system. The Draft Permit would require regular checking of all sumps and secondary containment systems in the building. A renewed permit would authorize Edwards to continue using the hazardous waste storage facility for an additional ten years provided that they meet all permit conditions.

DTSC Seeks Your Comments

You may comment on the Draft Permit and

its proposed CEQA Notice of Exemption

from July 19 through September 1, 2005

Please send your comments to Ken Payne, DTSC,
8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826



What Next Steps?

You may review and comment on the Draft Permit. Also, if DTSC receives a request, we may hold a Public Hearing during the public comment period. Your request should state your reasons for a Public Hearing and the issues you would like to discuss at the Public Hearing. We will make a final decision to approve, modify or deny the Draft Permit after seriously considering all comments we receive during the public comment period.

Although the storage building permit renewal is not related to the Edwards open burn and open detonation (OB/OD) operations (please see our November 2003 fact sheet), we want to advise you that we continue our review of these operations. This review will lead to a separate permit decision. Later this year, we plan to send you a separate fact sheet discussing the progress on the OB/OD review.

DTSC's Environmental Review of the Draft Permit

As part of this project, DTSC must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (known as CEQA). DTSC has reviewed the Draft Permit, completed an initial analysis and decided that the Draft Permit does not significantly affect the environment. Therefore, DTSC prepared a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

Questions?

For more information, please contact either:

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If you wish to review the full Draft Permit, please visit any of these locations:

Edwards AFB Library

5 West Yeager Blvd.
Building 6225
Edwards AFB, CA. 93524
(661) 275-2665

Kern County Public Library

Wanda Kirk Branch
3611 Rosamond Blvd.
Rosamond, CA. 93560
(661) 256-3236

Los Angeles County Public Library

601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA. 93534
(661) 948-5029

Col. Vernon Saxon Aerospace Museum

26962 Twenty Mule Team Road
Boron, CA 93516
(760) 762-6600

The full administrative record is available for public review at the DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Dr., Sacramento, CA. 95826. To make an appointment to view the administrative record, please call Ken Payne at (916) 255-6444.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired: You can obtain more information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding Edwards Air Force Base.